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SUMMARY: IN RESPONSE TO EMBASSY APPROACH, FONOFF HAS ADVISED THAT GOJ WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PROVIDE COMMENTS ON PROPOSED TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR ITEMS 1 - 3 THIS WEEK. REASONS ARE ABSENCE OF TSURUMI AND MIYAZAKI FROM JAPAN AND TIME-CONSUMING PROCESS OF INTERAGENCY DELIBERATIONS. FONOFF HOPES TO HAVE COMMENTS ON THESE ITEMS READY BY MARCH 4 AS AGREED AT ECG MEETING. END SUMMARY.

1. ON MARCH 1 ECON/COUNS CALLED ON NISHIDA (DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL, ECONOMIC AFFAIRS BUREAU, FONOFF) TO URGE THAT GOJ PROVIDE COMMENTS ON PROPOSED TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR ITEMS 1-3 BY COB SAME DAY, AS INSTRUCTED REF. C. WHILE RECOGNIZING DIFFICULTIES FACING GOJ IN ARRIVING AT INTERMINISTERIAL DECISIONS AS SPELLED OUT BY UDAGAWA (REF B), ECON/COUNS STRESSED IMPORTANCE TO ALL PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES OF REACHING EARLY AGREEMENT ON TERMS OF REFERENCE. IN THIS CONNECTION, HE SPECIFICALLY REFERRED TO MEETINGS, SCHEDULED FOR NEXT WEEK (PARA 2, REF C).

2. IN RESPONSE, NISHIDA SAID THAT WHILE GOJ EQUALLY DESIROUS OF EXPEDITING FOLLOW-UP TO FIRST MEETING OF ECG, IT WOULD BE UNABLE TO PROVIDE ITS COMMENTS ON ITEMS -1-3 THIS WEEK. HE NOTED THAT DEPUTY VICE MINISTE TSURUMI HAD STATED AT ECG MEETING FEBRUARY 25 THAT GOJ WOULD FIND IT DIFFICULT TO PROVIDE COMMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH AGREED-UPON SCHEDULE (PARA 1 REF C), BUT ADDED THAT IT WOULD OF COURSE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO MEET THOSE DEADLINES. NISHIDA POINTED OUT THAT TSURUMI AND OTHER GOJ REPS HAD NOT RETURNED TO TOKYO UNTIL EVENING FEBRUARY 28 AND THAT INTERAGENCY, AS OPPOSED TO INTRAAGENCY, DISCUSSION COULD NOT BEGIN UNTIL TSURUMI HAD REPORTED ON MEETING TO INTERESTED MINISTRIES (THIS SCHEDULED FOR AFTERNOON MARCH 1). THESE MINISTRIES -- FONOFF, MITI, MOF, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AGENCY AND ECONOMIC PLANNING AGENCY -- WILL REQUIRE SOME TIME TO REACH CONSENSUS ON THE MANY IMPORTANT ISSUES RAISED IN PROPOSED TERMS OF REFERENCE.

3. TWO ADDITIONAL DELAYING FACTORS, ACCORDING TO NISHIDA,
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ARE ABSENCE OF MIYAZAKI (DIRECTOR GENERAL, ECONOMIC AFFAIRS BUREAU, FONOFF) AND TRANSPORTATION STRIKE. MIYAZAKI RETURNS TO JAPAN EVENING MARCH 2 FROM TRIP TO IRAN, WHERE HE DISCUSSED WASHINGTON ENERGY CONFERENCE, AND PARIS, WHERE HE ATTENDED OECD TRADE COMMITTEE AND DISCUSSED ENERGY ISSUES WITH JAPANESE EMBASSIES IN EUROPE. RESPONSE TO PROPOSED TERMS OF REFERENCE WILL REQUIRE MIYAZAKI'S APPROVAL. MORE MINOR, BUT NONETHELESS DELAY-

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ING FACTOR, IS TWENTY-FOUR HOUR TRANSPORTATION STRIKE
MARCH 1 WHICH HAS APPRECIABLY LOWERED ATTENDANCE RATE IN
GOVERNMENT OFFICES.

4. IN CONCLUSION NISHIDA PROMISED TO RELAY USG'S DESIRE
TO RECEIVE GOJ REACTION TO PROPOSED TERMS OF REFERENCE
ASAP TO HIGHER LEVELS OF GOJ AND SAID HE WOULD ADVISE EMBASSY
WHEN GOJ POSITION FINALIZED. HE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT
WOULD BE DONE BY COB MARCH 4 TOKYO TIME.
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